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On the Cover: Breaking ground on the new Sister Magdalen Coughlin Learning Complex are, from left, **Mark Foster**, Campaign co-chair for the Regents; **W.K. Skinner** of the Fritz B. Burns Foundation; **Pat Hutchins** of the Fletcher Jones Foundation; **Robert Smith III** of the Doheny Foundation; **Sister Kathleen Kelly**, vice president of the Doheny Campus; **Kathleen McCarthy**, Campaign honorary chair; **Carolyn Webb De Macias**, chief of staff for Los Angeles City Councilman Mark Ridley-Thomas; **Bishop Gabino Zavala**, trustee; **Sister Karen Kennelly**, president; **Douglas Fisher**, architect; **Mark Ridley-Thomas**, councilman; and **Sister Jill Napier**, chair of the Board of Trustees. See article on page 2.

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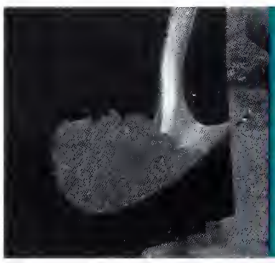
A Ground Breaking

ACHIEVEMENT

As colorful streamers flew and shovels turned the soil, Mount St. Mary's officially broke ground on the Sister Magdalen Coughlin Learning Complex at the Doheny Campus Oct. 3.

An estimated 250 people gathered on the Downtown Los Angeles campus for the formal groundbreaking ceremony held in the middle of Chester Place where the asphalt has now given way to a construction area that encompasses both sides of the street.

"In spite of its arid and neglected appearance, we must recognize this building site as holy ground," said Sister Jill Napier, chair of the Board of Trustees, in her address. "In the center of this urban area where crime, poverty and homelessness are sadly commonplace, stands this institution where peace and belonging and truth are its value and expression."



"Libraries are the very essence of an academic institution..."

Local officials who were part of the ceremony included Los Angeles City Council members Mark Ridley-Thomas and Rita Walters; and Assembly Member Louis Caldera.

"Mount St. Mary's College has been a beacon of light to this community. There are some fine young people that you turn out as graduates and we wish you godspeed in getting this building up," said Walters.

Sister Karen M. Kennelly, president, and Sister Kathleen Kelly, vice president, Doheny Campus, presented Ridley-Thomas with a plaque for his unceasing support of the project. He in turn gave Kennelly and Kelly City of Los Angeles Certificates of Service because "you are among the best this city has to offer," he said.

"I'm thankful for the steadfastness of these two women who could have given up, but did not. They deserve all the support we can give them," he said. "We work because we believe in what is good for this community."

To bless the site, Bishop Gabino Zavala, a College Trustee, offered a prayer and sprinkled holy water on the site and the attendees with an olive branch.

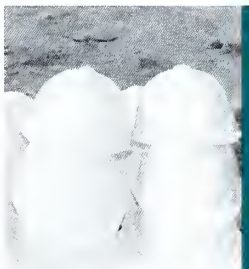
Sister Karen Kennelly, president, and Sister Kathleen Kelly, vice president, Doheny Campus, present a plaque to Los Angeles City Councilman Mark Ridley-Thomas.

At the formal ceremony, ground was broken by Kennelly, Kelly, Napier, Zavala, Ridley-Thomas and his chief of staff Carolyn Webb De Macias, as well as Kathleen McCarthy, the honorary chair of the College's capital campaign; Mark Foster, campaign co-chair for the Regents; W.K. Skinner of the Fritz B. Burns Foundation; Pat Hutchins, Fletcher Jones Foundation; Robert Smith III, Doheny Foundation; and architect Doug Fisher. After donning yellow hard hats, they stuck two shovels into the soil as faculty, staff, students and friends of the College threw multicolored streamers in the air.

As a representative of the Leavey Foundation, McCarthy said, "It is a special privilege for the Leavey Foundation to be able to support the building of the new Library and Learning Complex. We recognize the importance of the library as a major new facility for the students and faculty at the Doheny Campus. Libraries are the very essence of an academic institution, and this new

one holds out the promise of much wider access by students and faculty to vast quantities of important information."

After two years of designing and then modifying drawings for the complex based on neighbor concerns, the project received the unanimous approval of the Los Angeles City Council July 9. The construction was halted for a short time when a small group of opponents filed for an injunction, but the request was denied by a Los Angeles Superior Court judge and construction resumed in mid-October.



Her vision guided the development of the multicultural college that strives to meet the needs of the ever-changing Southern California population.

Designed by architects Hellmuth, Obata and Kassabaum, the complex includes a Library, Learning Resource Center and Academic Building and will be built by Millie and Severson, general contractors. It is slated to be in use by January 1998.

Student Marciela Renterio describes the facilities that will be offered in the Coughlin Complex at Doheny.

The complex will be placed on both sides of Chester Place close to the center of campus and will be joined visually by an arcade across the street. The Library, which will also house the College's Center for Cultural Fluency, will be on the east side. The Learning Resource Center and Academic Building will be on the west side and will house the tutoring center, counseling center, a computer lab, meeting space, labs, classrooms and offices for occupational therapy, associate degree in nursing and physical therapy, and the bookstore.

The complex is named for Sister Magdalen Coughlin, CSJ, the president of Mount St. Mary's College from 1976 to 1989, and chancellor from 1989 until her death in 1994. She had a profound commitment to American higher education by recognizing that educational institutions must have a vital presence among disadvantaged youth. Her vision guided the development of the multicultural college that strives to meet the needs of the ever-changing Southern California population. She helped Mount St. Mary's gain recognition as one of the nation's top liberal arts colleges.

If you have access to the Internet, you can view a brief movie of the groundbreaking on the College's web page at http:\\msmc.la.edu. But beware, it may take an inordinate amount of time to download. The College is exploring ways to make it more accessible to computers of all abilities.

Celebrating the groundbreaking of the Sister Magdolen Coughlin Learning Complex on Oct. 3 are Sister Magdolen's brother John Coughlin, his wife Mary and their son Michael.

"Living in Washington, D.C., and being interviewed at the White House has been somewhat of a reality shock for me," says Alex Ceja '96 about working in the nation's capital as a Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Fellow. A Mount political science major and social science minor, Ceja is one of 15 recent graduates chosen nationwide to participate in the nine-month public policy and leadership program.

As a Fellow, Ceja has been given the opportunity to select two placements that best fit her interests and goals from among national non-profit and government organizations. She chose the National Council of La Raza as her first placement; she plans her second to be the Department of State or an office within the White House. "This fellowship has given me the opportunity to look at various options out there. I am now considering law school, as well as graduate programs in public policy," she says.

Ceja is no stranger to the field of public policy. While at the Mount, she was involved in the Women's Internship Network, which led to her internship with the National Women's Political Caucus, and the Public Leadership Education Network, through which she attended a public policy seminar in the nation's capital.

When asked about her career goals, Ceja says, "I definitely want to work at a local level. I feel that there needs to be a lot more positive role models that community members can relate to. I want to be able to give back by working in my community and, perhaps, someday running for public office."

As a Mount student, Ceja managed to maintain a high grade point average while participating actively in student clubs and taking on leadership roles. When she was not fulfilling her duties as president of Latinas Unidas, she was busy as an Institute for Student Academic Enrichment peer counselor, a Student Ambassador and a member of Women Advocates for Knowledge and Empowerment. She also found time to participate in AmeriCorps, a national community service organization developed by President Bill Clinton which allowed her to work on community beautification projects, teach English as a Second Language, and mentor high school students in the Central Los Angeles area.

FROM THE MOUNT

Alex Cejo stonds in front of whot she hopes will be her future office, the White House.

TO THE HILL

Thanks to her participation in AmeriCorps, Ceja was able to experience what she considers the "ultimate highlight" of her stay in D.C. While at the 19th annual Congressional Hispanic Gala, which featured President Clinton as keynote speaker, Ceja approached the President and told him that she was an AmeriCorps alum. "I thought that I would be satisfied if he just shook my hand. I was completely shocked when he stopped to ask, "So how was your experience?" I could not believe that the President of the United States was actually taking the time to speak to me. It was a moment I will never forget."

Ceja credits her relentless motivation to her close-knit family. "They have always been supportive, even when I was not getting positive responses to my applications for law schools and for fellowships. I thank them tremendously for their faith and encouragement."

She believes the Mount has also played an important role in shaping her academic and personal goals. "I am grateful to the mentors and professors at the Mount who saw the potential in me that I did not notice. At the Mount I felt empowered, supported and challenged. Attending an all-women's college has definitely been an invaluable experience for me."

The Marriage, Family and Child Counseling program at Mount St. Mary's College is one of the few in Southern California to offer training for counselors in divorce and remarriage. Taught by Dr. Orli Peter, associate professor of psychology and director of the MFCC program, the Divorce and Remarriage course at both the undergraduate and graduate levels examines the consequences of divorce on family members.

With her extensive background in the area of divorce, Peter looks at divorce issues in popular culture with an experienced eye. The box office smash, "The First Wives Club," for example, caught her eye and made her fingers fly on her computer keyboard. She wrote the following opinion piece shedding light on the myths and stereotypes that are portrayed in the film. Her words have since appeared in Time magazine and The Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Firsthand Look at *The First Wives Club*

Olivia Goldsmith, writer of "The First Wives Club," is mistaken when she claims that "This is the experience of middle-aged women in America right now and you don't need a sociologist to tell you that." If she had consulted sociologists or psychologists who specialize in divorce, she would have learned that her book does not depict the common experience of middle-aged women in America — not even of those women who are divorced.

Rather, "The First Wives Club" describes a very small minority of divorces that commonly receive a lot of attention in the media, getting in the way of a genuine understanding of the common aftermath of divorce. The story relies on stereotypes and perpetuates myths that are harmful to both women and men. Here are some of them, contrasted with what recent sociological and psychological studies tell us:

Myth *1*: Most men cheat on their wives.
Actually, the best designed study to date indicates that nearly 80 percent of men report that they have never cheated on their wives.

Myth *2*: Most divorcing women are jilted by their husbands.
Many studies have corroborated that the great majority of divorces (two thirds to three quarters, depending on the study) are initiated by women. This makes sense because numerous studies indicate that men are generally happier being married than are women, they report less marital frustration and dissatisfaction, and are less likely to consider the option of divorce.

Myth *3*: Women bitterly regret divorce.
Most divorced women do not regret divorcing. Moreover, *divorced* women are generally happier than *divorced* men. And contrary to what the film depicts, one large sturdy suggests that women may become happier when they divorce in middle-age. Most middle-aged women showed an increase in positive self-image and self-esteem and were inspired by their divorce to gain more control of their lives. Moreover, many enjoyed sex more after their divorce.

Myth *4*: Women emerge from divorce more emotionally scarred and psychologically damaged than do men.
This is generally not true. Not only are divorced women happier than divorced men, but they are better off emotionally, too. In study after study they consistently outscore divorced men on psychological tests to assess emotional health and well-being.

Myth *5*: Ex-spouses are highly antagonistic toward one another, even to the point of acting unethically.
Divorced couples, of course, vary widely in the civility of their interactions. But about half of divorced men and women even describe their relationship with their ex-spouse as friendly or cooperative.

Myth *6*: Most divorced men can remarry while most divorced women can't.
Well, it is true that divorced women are less likely than divorced men to *want* to remarry (after all, they are happier than the men being divorced). But both groups do remarry at very high rates — and soon. About 80 percent of divorced men and 75 percent of divorced women remarry whether or not they have children, and most do so within three years. Consequently, many members of the "first wives club" should shortly be forming a "second wives club."

One aspect of the film's depiction of divorce is accurate. It is undoubtedly true that women are generally worse off in the years immediately following a divorce, but some studies have shown, five years later, after most men and women remarried, remarried women's income increased more than remarried men's increased.

It is important to distinguish fact from fiction and entertaining stereotypes from behavioral norms. One fan was quoted as saying she took her daughter to see the film to learn what was in store for her as a married woman. But viewing the antics and adventures of "The First Wives Club" as "normal" is dangerous. It offers false lessons regarding both what men and women should expect from each other and how one should behave in divorce. The truth is richer and contains many positive possibilities for both women and men.

Dr. Orli Peter

Mount Alumna Heads Alumnae Relations

"As I envision it, the Alumnae Relations Office has three responsibilities — to honor the past, celebrate the present, and ensure the future," says Patricia Desmarais '69, new executive director of Alumnae Relations. "I am looking forward to working with the Alumnae Association board of directors on ways to accomplish this."

Desmarais returns to the Mount with a great love and appreciation for her alma mater which she believes gave her "the basis to become involved in national organizations and the skills to access available resources in the community."

A former executive director of Camp Fire Boys and Girls, and the American Red Cross, Desmarais sees a lot of opportunities in her new position for transferring some of her volunteer management and program development skills. "Because I come from a community service background, I am impressed with the outreach done by the Mount and feel some of the College's projects give alumnae increased opportunities to interact with current students."

Hoping to enhance these outreach efforts, she plans to mail alumnae a quarterly calendar of social, cultural and educational functions of the College. "As we prepare our annual calendar we will try to offer a variety of events that alums of all ages will find interesting," she says.

According to Desmarais, active alumnae participation in these events is how one truly becomes a member of the Alumnae Association. "Although Mount graduates are automatically considered members of the association, they have to activate their membership by being involved in activities, volunteering and offering financial support," she says. Ultimately, she believes, "that's what will ensure the future of the College."

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Trying to Stop Prop. 209

Mount St. Mory's College President Sister Koren Kennelly, speoks out ogoinst Proposition 209, ot o news conference in lote October. The initiotive, which wos opproved by voters Nov. 5, eliminoted offirmotive oction progroms in government ond higher educotion. More thon o dozen Los Angeles oreo colleges ond universities opposed the meosure feoring it would limit minorities' occess to higher educotion.

MSMC Wins Voter Registration Competition Against Mills and Scripps

With 90 percent of students registered to vote, Mount St. Mary's students won the first-ever voter registration competition among the three California women's colleges.

"I feel that the competition was quite successful in raising awareness of students about the importance of voting and encouraging students and faculty alike to get registered," said Pat Disterhoft, assistant professor of education and chair of the competition. "In 1992, only 43 percent of 18- to 24-year-olds voted in the national election, so we were trying to combat apathy in young voters with this competition," she added.

Numerous MSMC students registered to vote because of the competition and the availability of voter registration forms on both campuses. Sr. Maria Angela Mesa, director of campus ministry at Doheny and survey coordinator, said seven students who had been ineligible to vote because they were not citizens, applied for citizenship during the registration competition.

Of the 489 MSMC traditional day students who responded to an anonymous survey, 355 were registered to vote, 40 were not, and 94 were ineligible. At Scripps College in Claremont, 75 percent of students who responded to a survey were registered to vote, and at Mills College in Oakland, the percent of registered voters was not tallied, but 200 new voters were registered.

The competition comes at a timely point in history — 1996 marks the 25th anniversary of the 26th Amendment to the Constitution granting 18-year-olds the right to vote.

Winning the competition means that Mount St. Mary's receives a plaque that will be held at the college until the next major election and subsequent competition.

Democracy in Action at the Mount

Balloons, American flags, and red, white and blue banners decorating The Circle kicked off Horizons Day '96 with a bang Sept. 25. The decorations provided a colorful background for a lively political rally and town hall meeting to incorporate the theme "Democracy in Action," into the event.

Representatives for and against ballot initiatives, from several activist groups and from every political party from the Greens to the Reform Party, offered information to students, faculty and staff during the rally. Lunch was accompanied by American history trivia contests, a straw poll for president (Clinton won by a landslide) and skits on women's suffrage. Students were reminded of the voter registration competition among MSMC, Mills, and Scripps, and encouraged to register to vote that day.

Students cheer enthusiastically during the Horizons Day Town Hall meeting in the Campus Center Sept. 25.

"Uncle Som" rewords students with flag pins when they onswer trivio questions on American history.

The all-College event continued in the Campus Center where a town hall meeting focused on issues related to Proposition 209, the initiative which would eliminate affirmative action in California. Students Jennifer Allande, Catherine Bejerana, Trisha Pena and Lucy Ramirez explained sections of the proposed amendment to the California constitution. Special guest speakers Laurie Levenson, legal expert for CBS News, former federal prosecutor and current associate dean at Loyola Law School; and Carolyn Webb De Macias, chief of staff for L.A. City Councilman Mark Ridley-Thomas, discussed the legal and governmental ramifications of the initiative and gave examples of the changes it would bring if passed.

"The greatest impact will be on women," said Levenson. "Proposition 209 will drop women from the highest protection of the law to the lowest," she said.

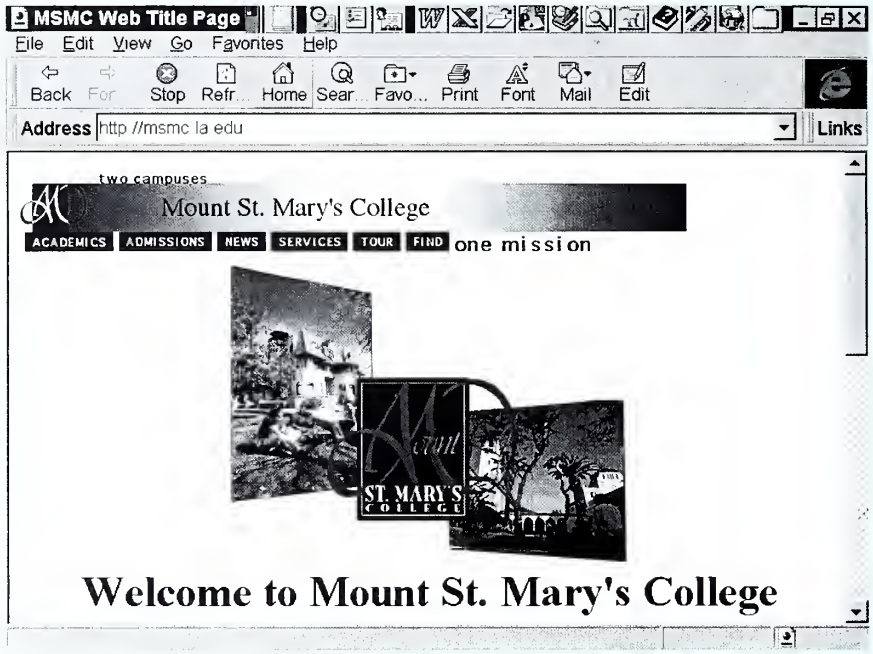
Both speakers urged eligible students to register to vote and stressed the importance of every vote. "We are still not on a level playing field with men," said de Macias. "Some of us have the hiking boots and some don't."

After attending her first Horizons Day, freshman Nury Yoo felt inspired to get involved in the political process. "When I saw the booths in the Circle and heard the speakers, I was really motivated to register to vote and to learn about the issues. Horizons Day set a high standard and gave examples of how and where students can make a difference," she said.

Left: Laurie Levensan, CBS News legal expert, discusses the legal ramificatians of Prop. 209, the Colifornio Civil Rights Initiotive, ot the town holl meeting ond politicol rolly.

Right: Carolyn Webb De Macias, chief of staff far L.A. City Councilman Mark Ridley-Thomos, discusses Prop. 209.

The Mount St. Mory's College World Wide Web site is ovoilable by typing in the web oddress http://msmc.la.edu. The site includes informotion obout ocodemic programs, student services, odmissions ond o short movie of the Oct. 3 Coughlin Complex Groundbreoking. It is still under construction ond will include o wider orroy of informotion in the next few months.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Welcome to Mount St. Mary's College

Commuter Comforts Created

Commuters now have a place to call their own on the Chalon Campus. A commuter lounge was built this summer within the Campus Center which includes air conditioning, comfortable furniture and carpeting. A television will be installed in the future, and a microwave and snack machine are located in the adjacent kitchen.

Students as well as faculty and staff can enjoy the new coffee and granita cart on the patio outside the Campus Center. The cart carries regular and flavored coffees, espresso, cappuccino, latte as well as granitas, which are fruit-flavored Italian slushes.

"We really are trying to make our commuter students feel connected to campus and feel that it is their home away from home," says Jane Lingua, vice president of student affairs. "This is going to be a place for them to relax and I think it will be a significant improvement."

Students take a break from studying in the new commuter lounge.

The Mount Saves Energy Costs

Mount St. Mary's College and other Independent Colleges of Southern California are participating in an energy purchasing program that will cut electricity and natural gas costs for the campuses.

The colleges combine their purchasing power and gain bargaining leverage in the emerging competitive electricity market and already-competitive natural gas market. The effort also creates a special scholarship fund for ICSC students.

"High energy costs add to the cost of college education," said ICSC President Frank L. Ellsworth. "By providing energy provider choices and through the creation of the New Energy Ventures Energy Scholarship program, we are creating the potential for significant savings for our colleges and thus the students and their families."

New Energy Ventures will create an annual ICSC Energy Scholarship to be awarded to needy students pursuing studies in the natural sciences, engineering, public policy, or other energy-related areas. New Energy Ventures will fund this scholarship with 10 percent of the gross revenues it receives from ICSC member colleges and universities through the Group Purchasing Program. The scholarship will be available to students attending any ICSC member institution.

Campaign Update

WINTER 1996

TIMELESS VALUES FOR CHANGING TIMES

The Campaign for Mount St. Mary's College

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIR

As Campaign Co-Chair for the Alumnae, I am thrilled to talk a little about the accomplishments of last year and give you an update of current plans.

MSMC alumnae are really pulling together to help make the Campaign for Mount St. Mary's College a success. Last year, Annual Fund Chair Monica Luechtefeld '71, Kathy Maloney '71 (1995-96 Reunion Fund Chair), and Terri McGrath '95 (1995-96 Young Alumnae Fund Chair) asked alums to help show support of the College by increasing participation in the Annual Fund to 30 percent (the national average for women's colleges) by the Campaign's end. Last year, participation soared from 21 to 28 percent, yielding more than $225,000 in donations to the Annual Fund.

I am also pleased to announce that the College has exceeded its $4.2 million goal for the Academic Program Renewal portion of the Campaign for Mount St. Mary's College by raising more than $5 million from alumnae, corporations, foundations and friends.

There is still work to be done in reaching our alumnae Campaign goals of $1.5 million toward the Annual Fund, with more than 30 percent participation. This year, Monica and I, along with the 1996-97 Annual Fund Chairs, Mary Caratan Sloper '62 (Reunion Fund Chair), and Karen Villanueva '94 (Young Alumnae Fund Chair), and with other volunteers and staff, will be talking with many of you, getting your input, and giving Mount alumnae every opportunity to be involved in this exciting Campaign. We hope that you'll support this wonderful effort.

Jane Johnson

Jane Johnson '64 is an attorney in the Johnson & Johnson Professional Law Corporation in West Los Angeles, and judge pro tem for the municipal and small claims courts in Los Angeles. She is a settlement officer and mediator for the Los Angeles Superior Court and has served as chair of the Litigation Section for the L.A. Bar Association. She received the Outstanding Alumna Award for Service to the College this year, is the first alumna representative on the College's Board of Trustees, a member of the Regents Council, and serves on the College's Advisory Committee of Attorneys for Planned Giving.

LOVE OF LIBRARIES IN PERPETUITY

"The value of education comes from learning how to find the answers."

These words, her mother's favorites, were frequently heard by Katherine Whitman '63, associate professor of business administration. Her husband, Jeff, recalls how his mother has always loved books and he remembers her favorite expression: "The value of a library is something you can't calculate."

"My mother was an avid reader and lover of language and so is Jeff's mother," says Whitman. "That's why we couldn't imagine a more appropriate way to honor both sets of our parents than to name portions of the Coe Library for them."

The Whitmans, who are charter members of the Mount Associates, are the first of the Mount Community to make

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CURRENT PROGRESS TOWARD THE GOAL

Category	Goal	Cash/Pledges as of Oct. 31, 1996	Balance Needed
Facilities	$22,100,000	$13,519,709	$8,580,291
Financial Aid Resources	$9,500,000	$4,786,100	$4,713,900
Academic Program Renewal	$4,200,000	$5,268,735	($1,068,735)
Annual Fund Growth	$4,200,000	$2,691,965	$1,508,035
Totals	**$40,000,000**	**$26,266,509**	**$13,733,491**

Katherine '63 and Jeff Whitman

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significant donations to the College to recognize loved ones by choosing locations from the naming opportunities available through the Campaign for Mount St. Mary's College.

The Periodical Room on the fourth level has been named for her parents, Katherine and Harald Schreuder, both deceased.

A group study room on level two, whose wide windows offer sunny views of trees and flowering plants, is named for Craig L. and Barbara Whitman, Jeff's parents. The Whitmans will surprise Jeff's mother with this when she visits them from New Jersey during the Christmas season.

"We plan to bring her to the College to show her the renovated Coe Library; then we'll reveal the memorial plaque bearing her name and that of her deceased husband," says Katherine Whitman. "We think this is the best Christmas gift we could ever give her."

A great lover of words and ideas, Katherine Whitman has authored four books on business and trade relations with Asian countries that have been translated into Chinese, Greek and Bulgarian.

SPOTLIGHTED GOAL
ANNUAL FUND GROWTH $4,200,000

To continue to flourish, Mount St. Mary's must have an annual fund that truly reflects the strength of commitment of all our supporters. The Campaign for Mount St. Mary's College is an ideal opportunity for those who support the College in spirit to support it in fact.

By ensuring that the College has the operating funds it needs to preserve its existing facilities and grounds, the Campaign will reinforce the foundation laid by the many individuals and groups who have faithfully sustained the College throughout the years.

A healthy annual fund gives Mount St. Mary's College the freedom to concentrate on doing what it does best — encouraging the next generation of students to fulfill their highest ideals and our highest hopes. With your help, Mount St. Mary's graduates will continue to take their place as principled leaders in the modern world, affirming the absolute relevance of the Campaign theme: "Timeless Values for Changing Times."

AMBASSADORS PROGRAM EXPANDS INTO PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECTS

Several corporations and foundations have recently awarded grants to the Mount St. Mary's College Student Ambassadors Program, a six-year-old, peer-to-peer effort to assist high school counselors in motivating and preparing inner-city high school students to attend college.

Since 1990, Mount St. Mary's has sent trained students into schools in lower socio-economic neighborhoods to encourage students there to aspire to college and acquire the skills necessary for success in collegiate studies. Last year, the Ambassadors served in 31 senior and two junior high schools. There are seven high schools on a waiting list because funding constraints will not allow the College to fully meet the growing needs of counselors in the schools.

The program's primary funding source is the Whitecap Foundation, but in 1995 other funders joined the project when the scope of the program was expanded into City of Los Angeles public housing projects. That year, the seed money to begin a "College Club" in the Mar Vista housing project in West Los Angeles came from The Ralphs/Food 4 Less Foundation, which donated $5,000, and the Johnson & Johnson Family of Companies, which donated $2,500. This program received additional support this year from the California Community Foundation, which donated $24,000 for computer equipment, stipends for student Ambassadors and other expenses at the Mar Vista site. Additionally, the Greenville Foundation donated $8,000 to the Mar Vista effort.

This year, Johnson & Johnson provided a second grant of $5,000 to introduce Ambassadors into the Dolores Mission Alternative Education program in the Pico-Aliso/Boyle Heights District of East Los Angeles. In what has been described as one of the most violent neighborhoods in L.A., Dolores Mission Alternative serves hundreds of at-risk youth from five housing projects in the area. Included in these housing developments are Pico Gardens and Aliso Village, two projects which combined, form the largest public housing complex west of the Mississippi River.

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Additionally, the City of Los Angeles will also help Mount St. Mary's to expand the Ambassadors program into the Watts community, which will include two additional housing projects in South Central Los Angeles as part of the Donald Kulick Youth Opportunity Demonstration Project.

The Ambassadors are trained to provide information on how to prepare for college, what the requirements are at different colleges, what factors are important in choosing a college, how to complete an admissions application and the availability of financial aid. This information is very important to inner-city students because many of them will be the first in their families to attend college.

While many colleges have similar outreach programs as a recruiting tool for their own campuses, the Mount St. Mary's program is unique in that it provides information to the high school students about many different colleges, giving them a broad base of balanced information about all options open to them.

MSMC TECHNOLOGY EFFORTS GET A MAJOR BOOST

The Mount has recently received a $19,446 planning grant to enhance student learning through technology.

The College received the grant as a member of the Futures Project, an 18-member Consortium of California Independent Colleges funded by the Irvine Foundation. The grant will help the College determine how it can implement technology goals in its 1996-2001 Strategic Plan. Particularly applicable are the goals "to take full advantage of the potential of technology for the improvement of teaching and learning and for increasing the effectiveness of our administrative and support services" and "to engender greater cooperation and collaboration between the two campuses by facilitating inter-campus communication."

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Groundbreaking Appreciation Dinner

Following the Oct. 3 Groundbreaking for the Sister Magdalen Coughlin Complex at the Doheny Campus, major donors, Regents, Trustees and city officials gathered in the Doheny Mansion for an Appreciation Dinner.

Clockwise from top right: Mark Foster, trustee, regent and campaign chair for the regents and special gifts, and Kathleen McCarthy, campaign co-chair and donor of the lead gift to the Complex, attend the dinner.

Mark Ridley-Thomas and his chief of staff Carolyn Webb De Macias, check in.

Sister Karen Kennelly, president, with Glen and Mary Odell '68 at the dinner. Mary Odell is with the Riordan Foundation which donated funds for the computer labs at the Doheny Campus.

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Faculty selected to participate as Irvine Fellows in the Futures Project for 1995 to 1997 are exploring and applying strategies for restructuring aspects of the College's two-campus operations toward better and more efficient educational results. The Fellows are Dr. Eleanor Siebert, chair of physical sciences and math; Rev. George O'Brien, associate professor of English; and Sister Kieran Vaughan, professor of education and coordinator of the liberal studies program. The project team also includes Sister Karen M. Kennelly, president, and Dr. Jacqueline Powers Doud, academic vice president.

"The Futures Project has enabled a lively exchange of ideas among the members of the Consortium. For the Mount, the planning grant and the work of the Irvine Fellows will break new ground in serving our two unique campuses," said Doud.

The goal of the Fellows' multi-phase implementation plan begins with an initial focus on making academic information electronically accessible on both campuses, such as class schedules, course descriptions, syllabi and advanced assignments, all of which enable students to take greater responsibility for their own academic planning.

The second phase allows students to access e-mail addresses of faculty and take advantage of electronic advising hours, and extend the Chalon peer tutoring program to students at Doheny.

The third phase will put the registration process online, and when the fourth phase is implemented, classes will be offered simultaneously on both campuses.

SHARING HER SENSE OF ADVENTURE WITH THE MOUNT

She reluctantly fed dinner to a few bears, then she met the anchors of the television program "60 Minutes" and all the while she collected rocks and gems. As a lover of the outdoors, Marguerite Naeve Cook was always open to the unexpected, and she found it.

The 1937 graduate of Mount St. Mary's hiked for more than 60 of her 84 years, and when she died in 1993, she left an unexpected surprise to her alma mater. Cook, who had no children and had never married, left her entire estate to Mount St. Mary's College. Since she began making donations to the College in 1974, she gave a total of $516,900 to MSMC, says Sister Catherine Therese Knoop, director of planned giving for the Mount.

Her generosity began in the classroom where she spent several decades teaching children. After graduating from the Mount, she taught many elementary grades and many subjects in private and public schools in Los Angeles and Lancaster.

She was always outdoor-oriented throughout her life, beginning with hikes she took with her brothers along the St. Joseph River in Indiana in the 1920s, and continuing with bicycle trips around Southern California, canoe trips in Canada, and hikes through the Sierras.

While backpacking from Tuolumne Meadows to Cathedral Lake in the backcountry of Yosemite, Cook was dutifully hanging her food to keep it out of reach of animals when a mother bear and her cubs decided to take over the campsite. As Cook ran for cover, the bears pulled down her food cache and had a feast, according to a 1986 article in the Antelope Valley Press.

Her motivation to hike was fueled by her enjoyment of nature, particularly plants and gems which she collected, and she always delighted in meeting interesting people, such as "the four men from '60 Minutes'" who were interested in the walking stick she carried which had a scoop on the end to allow her to pick up rocks or to examine tree branches.

Even after her retirement from teaching in 1971 she continued to combine teaching and the outdoors. She was a playground director, camp director and nature docent.

"Marguerite was truly outstanding for her love of the outdoors, community service and very generous gift to MSMC. Our only regret is not to have been able to express our gratitude during her lifetime," said Sister Catherine Therese.

The Campaign Leadership

TIMELESS VALUES FOR CHANGING TIMES

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Time Out to Save a Dream

Everything was going as planned for Nohelia Canales '96. She was accepted into the prestigious tumor biology program at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., and she was eager to begin her studies this fall. These arrangements were made last spring before she heard Eleanor Smeal of the Feminist Majority speak on the Chalon Campus about Proposition 209, the California Civil Rights Initiative, and appeal to Mount students to volunteer to help defeat it.

"As I listened to her, I realized that as a participant in the Minority Access to Research Program and a woman of color, the initiative would have an immense impact on my life and on the lives of future generations," says Canales. "I knew I had a responsibility to do all I could so that other women would have the same opportunities I had."

She applied for a volunteer position and began working in June for "just a few months" with the Feminist Majority's "Freedom Summer" campaign, assisting with voter education, voter registration and planning the "Save the Dream Freedom Bus Tour" for this fall. Reminiscent of the freedom riders in America's South during the '60s, the bus tours featured state and local women's rights, civil rights, business, labor and minority organizations, that traveled to 35 colleges and universities throughout California holding rallies to galvanize opposition to Proposition 209, which would eliminate affirmative action in California.

When her departure to medical school neared, Canales could not leave. "We had all put so much effort into defeating the initiative; I had to stay to see it through to November, so I deferred my studies for one semester."

On Oct. 9, when the "Save the Dream" bus drove up to the Chalon Campus with keynote speakers Smeal, Dolores Huerta of the United Farm Workers, and Marie Wilson of the Ms. Foundation, Canales, her sister, Brenda '98 and several other Mount students, dressed in red T-shirts and "STOP PROP 209" buttons, proudly accompanied them. They were greeted with rousing cheers from the students, faculty and staff who filled the Circle for an enthusiastic rally. At the conclusion of the speeches, more than 200 MSMC students signed up as volunteers to help defeat Prop. 209 for the duration of the campaign.

No stranger to political activism, Canales, a biological sciences and philosophy major, was one of three MSMC students who attended the California Campus Compact's first Leadership Academy for student leaders in May 1994, then traveled to Rutgers University the next month as one of 28 students selected to attend the New Leadership Program, which explored women's political involvement and leadership skills. Upon her return she became one of the founders of Women Advocates for Knowledge and Empowerment, a student organization which has brought women on campus together for lectures and events on a variety of enlightening topics. She was also an AmeriCorps volunteer spending her afternoons tutoring students at a junior high school in Central Los Angeles and at an after school program at Temple Baptist Church.

When she enters the M.D./Ph.D. program in January 1997, she will specialize in gynecology and obstetrics, and hopes to find a cure for breast cancer.

"The time that I devoted to the 'Save the Dream' campaign has heightened my awareness of how one person, or just a few people working together, can branch out to educate and influence others and make a dramatic impact on history . . . you just have to put your heart and mind to it," she says.

Marie Wilson of the Ms. Foundation; Eleonor Smeal, of the Feminist Majority; Jane Lingua, vice president for student affairs; Sr. Karen Kennelly, president; Dolores Huerta of the United Farm Workers; Jackie Daud, academic vice president; and Nohelia Canales '96 gather at a reception after the Save the Dream Freedom Bus Tour rally on the Chalon Campus Oct. 9.

Sister Nancy Bowden, Dr. Alexis Navarro, Dr. Marie Egan, Sister Kathleen Kelly and Sister Leo Francis O'Callahan break in one of the new computer labs at the Doheny Campus. Both Chalon and Doheny have new computer facilities this year where classes are held and where students can work independently. Both campuses are being "wired" for technology this fall and by January, should be completely linked electronically.

Founder's Day Weekend: Celebrating 71 Years

Nearly 250 alumnae and guests celebrated the 71st anniversary of the College's founding with a luncheon and presentation of Alumna Awards Oct. 6 in the Chalon Campus Center.

After a warm welcome from Claudia Ruiz '87, president of the MSMC Alumnae Association, Sister Karen M. Kennelly, MSMC president, discussed the highlights of the previous year and invited alums to tour the campus to see the renovations in the Coe Library and science laboratories, the re-designed Circle, and the just-completed computer classrooms in the Art Building. She ended her remarks by urging alums to remain in touch, "Please continue to stay close to the College; we need you and your prayers," she said.

Above: Sister Karen accepts gifts from the Anniversary classes of 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1976, 1981, 1986 and the Silver Anniversory closs of 1971. More than 150 alums representing these classes returned to the Maunt to celebrate their closs reunions.

Left: Recagnized far their outstanding achievement are, L to R: Victorio Chaney '67, Outstanding Alumna far Professionol Achievement; Thelmo Gorcio Buchhaldt '56, Outstanding Alumna far Community Service; and Jane Luecke Jahnsan '64, Outstanding Alumna far Service to the College.

Foster Joins Board of Trustees, Leads Regents

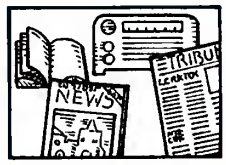
Mark Foster, a member of the Regents Council since 1993, has been named to the MSMC 23-member Board of Trustees, the key governing body of the College. He will continue to serve on the Regent's Council where he was recently appointed chair. Foster also serves as the Regent's Co-Chair for the Campaign for Mount St. Mary's College.

A 1980 graduate of the University of Southern California, he is the senior vice president, director and corporate syndicate manager for Seidler Companies, Inc., a securities firm in Los Angeles.

He and his wife, Claudia, have been members of the Mount Associates since 1988 and currently serve as the organization's co-chairs.

In addition to his positions with the Mount, he serves as a member of the board of directors for Dolores Mission School in East Los Angeles; Holy Family Services in Pasadena; the Ryman-Carroll Foundation; Shakespeare Festival/L.A.; and for the following Los Angeles County Music Center organizations: the Master Chorale Association, Operating Company, In the Wings, Cabinet, the main fund-raising body for the L.A. Philharmonic, L.A. Opera, Ahmanson Theater/Mark Taper Forum and Music Center education division and L.A. Alive!

Mark Foster



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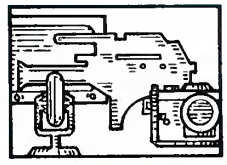

Mount St. Mary's regularly receives media coverage at local and national levels. Stories on scholarships awarded to Mount students and grants given to the College, as well as commentaries and quotes by Mount faculty and administrators, appear in the print and broadcast media. Here is a sampling of the more recent coverage the College has received.

KNBC-TV News — featured the sixth annual "Haunted Campus" at the Doheny Campus when 1,500 neighborhood children are invited to go trick or treating, play games and have a safe Halloween (Oct. 31).

Time Magazine and **The Cleveland Plain Dealer** — published the opinions of Dr. Orli Peter, associate professor of psychology, on the myths behind the movie "The First Wives Club" (Oct. 28 and Oct. 26, respectively).

Los Angeles Times — quoted Sister Karen M. Kennelly, president, on Proposition 209, the California ballot initiative that would eliminate affirmative action (Oct. 22).

The Westsider — published a story on the competition between the Mount, Scripps College, and Mills College aimed at registering voters (Oct. 2).

The Tidings and **Peninsula News & Rolling Hills Herald** — published a story on the Mount's twelfth place ranking in U.S. News & World Report's list of top regional universities in the West (Sept. 13 &12, respectively).

Los Angeles Times — Dr. Orli Peter, associate professor of psychology, is regularly featured in the "Navigating the Real World" column in which local psychologists, philosophers and theologians are asked one question about the dilemmas that come with living in Southern California. Topics that she responded to include: the enforcement of statutory rape laws (Sept. 11); what standards should apply when deciding whether to release the identity of juvenile crime suspects to the public (Aug. 14); where one draws a line in talking about people in their absence (July 3); whether society spends too much effort to change the behavior of domestic violence abusers and not enough to help the victims (May 8); and whether voluntary castration should be permitted or encouraged in child molestation cases (April 17).

National Catholic Reporter — featured the Mount as one of the few American Catholic universities addressing pluralism and gave the Mary's Day ceremony as an example (Sept. 27, 1996).

The Outlook — ran an op/ed piece by Sister Kathleen Kelly, vice president of the Doheny Campus, on opening up college opportunities for minority and poor students (Sept. 2, 1996).

Daily News, Long Beach Press Telegram, and **Santa Cruz Sentinel** — quoted Valerie Crooks, sociology lecturer, on the widening disparity between the rich and poor in California (July 15).

Los Angeles Times — featured a story on St. Thomas Aquinas School student's performance of "Godspell" which Mount student Colleen O'Shaughnessey choreographed (June 24).

L.A. Weekly — ran a story on Nohelia Canales '96 and her involvement in Freedom Summer '96, a grass roots movement funded by the Feminist Majority and 200-plus civil rights groups to defeat Prop. 209 (June 14).

The Westsider, Westside Weekly and **The Brentwood News** — ran stories on the selection of the Mount as school of the year for music education (June 5 & 2, and May 31, respectively).

The Tidings — published an article on the Center for Cultural Fluency in which Dr. Anne Wilcoxen, director of the Center, was quoted (May 3).

The Tidings — quoted Sister Thomas Bernard MacConnell, coordinator of the Program in the Spiritual Life, on the existence of guardian angels (May 10).

A "Haunted" Doheny

Sister Rebecca Doan, former Mount St. Mary's president, and Sister Kathleen Kelly, vice president of the Doheny Campus, hand out candy during the annual "Haunted Campus." About 1,500 neighborhood children went trick-or-treating from building to building and participated in games, a maze and a dance contest organized by students.

Classics

'38 Mary Zinke **Kniaziff** continues to work part-time as a consultant in the San Diego City Schools program for gifted students and their teachers. However, she plans to spend more time in art class or just painting after this year.

'49 Still composing music, **Marguerite Biggs Cromie** has several dozen published works.

'51 Eloise **Martinez Helwig**, a former MSMC regent, has been appointed to the board of St. Mary's Academy.

'54 **Elisa Luna Sanchez** has been named the new senior consultant for the California Dollars for Scholars program in the San Diego County area. She will support current chapters and help local leaders form new chapters. Elisa is also a member of the Mount's Board of Trustees.

"Quiet Spirit — Amish Quilts from the Collection of Cindy Tietze ond Stuort Hodosh," ore on exhibit through Feb. 16, 1997, ot the Fowler Museum of Culturol History ot UCLA. Tietze '79, ond husbond Stuort Hodosh, ore pictured with the quilt "Diomond in the Squore." Fifty of their quilts, which dote from the 1880s to the 1940s, will be exhibited ot the Museum. Photo by Chris Cross.

'59 **Rosalie Meggiolaro O'Grady** loves spending time off with her eight grandchildren.

'60 Graduating with honors, **Helene Hudson Powers** has received a master's degree from the School of Counseling at Cal State University Northridge.

Joan Viery-Clark married last October, works four days a week in the Registrar's Office at the Mount, and spends one day a week as a Marriage, Family and Child Counseling intern for Affiliated Health Care. Joan is certified as a hypnotherapist, specializing in children's grief and support groups.

The proud teacher of 28 first graders, at Ryan Elementary School in Broomfield, Colo., **Judy Weber Roughton** tells us that her students were among 83 first graders who read 6,100 books in five months, after just learning to read.

'61 **Elaine Chapman-Ballou** is an R.N. in Richland, Wash., and is a member of the Patient Care Committee of Carondelet Psychiatric Care Center.

A counselor with the Evans Community Adult School in Los Angeles, **Marilyn Schafer** and a colleague have developed a comprehensive project called To Ensure Domestic Tranquility, which educates immigrants, especially women, about the legal ramifications of domestic violence and encourages perpetrators and victims to seek help.

'62 **Jonniepat Mobley** recently retired from teaching speech, theatre and English at Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo. She is also about to publish her seventh book, and serves on the Board of Woods Humane Society and edits their newsletter.

'66 **Cecelia Brewer Wright** is the regional director for 10 mental health treatment centers in California. The travel opportunities allow her to visit her daughters in San Francisco and Minneapolis.

'67 While maintaining a small private practice and teaching CCD, **Margaret Jacobs Christopher** is also associate professor at California University of Pennsylvania.

'68 **Susan Robustelli Shaheen** has been promoted to regional vice-president of sales for Arbonne International Cosmetics because of her exceptional sales volume. She directs an organization of more than 800 women.

Editor of the "Oncology Nursing Forum," **Rose Mary Carroll-Johnson** has been appointed to the Oncology Nursing Society Steering Council.

'70 **Maria Gutierrez Ott** has completed three years as the superintendent of schools for the Little Lake City School District.

Alicia Gutierrez Wilson has received a master's in counseling from California Lutheran University.

'71 After working for Price Waterhouse for 21 years, **Mignon Marie Johnson Veasley** is now working for McKinsey & Co, Inc.

'74 **Diane Sanborn Calloway** and her husband have formed Calloway & Calloway, P.C., which specializes in the practice of commercial real estate law.

'77 Recenty appointed to the post of administrator of the LaVeta Surgical Center, **Joyce Lekawa Hall** also had to prepare the center for AAAHC accreditation in January.

Leslie Flickinger Kern is working on a Ph.D. in nursing at the University of California at San Francisco School of Nursing.

'78 **Ronald Dean McCamy** has received a Ph.D., with a specialization in Christian philosophy, from Marquette University.

'79 **Linda Hall Smith** sold her company last year, and after a few months off has joined Little Company of Mary Health Services and St. Mary Medical Center.

'79 **Pam Spencer Smith** is still enjoying life as a country doctor in Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

'80 **Catalina Cariaga** was awarded the Ann Fields Prize for Poetry at San Francisco State University, where she received her master's in poetry and creative writing. Catalina works for University Relations at UC Berkeley.

'81 **Victoria Layland Rixford** works part-time as a physical therapist at Mission Hospital in Mission Viejo so she can spend time with her boys' activities, PTA and Boy Scouts.

'82 The Tahoe Forest Hospital's Nurse of the Year is **Debbie Green White.** Debbie has been with the hospital for ten years, and lives with her family in Truckee.

'83 **Debi Ulrey-Crosby** moved to South Dakota in 1994 and works three days a week at Children's Care Hospital and School as a pediatric physical therapist. She has also earned a master's in early childhood special education.

'85 **Kathleen Calderon** received a master's in nursing from USC and works at Centinela Medical Center as a family nurse practitioner.

'89 **Maurice Hamington,** a former assistant professor at the Mount who helped start the Women's Studies Program, now teaching at Western Oregon State College and at Portland State University, has written a book review to be published in the National Catholic Reporter, and is the author of the book "Hail Mary? The Struggle for Ultimate Womanhood in Catholicism."

The Reading Room

As the title suggests, "The Stone Diaries" by Carol Shields is about diaries. The diaries that we are invited to read are written from the perspective of the character Daisy Stone Goodwill. As she thoughtfully recounts her life and her relationships with her family, this is also a powerful work of art psychologically. Her insights, thoughts, dreams, experiences, and reflections are expressed beautifully. Every page is a gem.

Lena Rivkin
Art Lecturer

Submit your item to Jill Perry at the address on the inside front cover.

Volunteer SOS

Volunteers are needed to Serve Our School by becoming involved with the Mount St. Mary's College Oral History Project.

Volunteers with video equipment, and video and interviewing experience will be needed for the project starting in 1997 in preparation for Mount St. Mary's 75th anniversary in the year 2000.

Interested volunteers can call the Alumnae Relations Office at (310) 471-9522.

'90 **Trish Sandri Brown** is a pediatric physical therapist and also tends her farm, complete with chickens, geese and angora goats. Trish even spins the goats' wool into mohair yarn in Napa, Calif.

The challenge of working with students with learning disabilities has filled the last six years with the Los Angeles Unified School District for **Carrie Nowland.**

'91 **Andrea Espinoza** graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology, and is applying to physical therapy schools in Texas.

Jennifer Marano Marshall teaches first grade at St. Robert Bellarmine School and is working for a master's at Cal State University Northridge.

Sara Hebert was accepted to the Yale School of Management and will be study for a master's in public and private management.

'92 **Theresa Ann Yugar** has finished her master of divinity thesis at Harvard Divinity School under Elisabeth Schussler Fiorenza, a leading Catholic feminist theologian. Theresa is very proud of her work, and is trying to find a publisher for her thesis.

'94 **Amy Foreman** has been awarded a Ford Foundation predoctoral fellowship while studying for her Ph.D. at New York University. The biological sciences department at the Mount has been selected to receive a Ford Foundation Baccaluareate Incentive Award through the Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowships for Minorities Program as a result of Amy's award.

'95 Director of Music for her parish, and music director and freshman religion teacher at Immaculate Heart High School, **Terri McGrath** also sings with the Mount Singers & Chorus and plans to enter a master's program this fall.

'96 **Patricia Teran** is a Second Lieutenant with the Air Force Mission Support Squadron at Aviano Air Base in Italy.

Behind The Scenes

The Mount Associates

Behind every great program there is a dedicated team of workers. The Mount Associates, a group of alumnae and friends who support the College, is no exception. From finding the perfect location for an Associates event to developing a persuasive marketing brochure, the Mount Associates advisory committee does it all.

The advisory committee, currently made up of 12 Mount Associates and supported by two MSMC staff members, has responsibility for program planning and membership recruitment and retention. The group's meetings, though rare (three to four times each year), are always lively and productive, covering discussions of where and when the fall membership event and spring members-only event will take place, a review of prospective members, and an evaluation of Associates marketing.

The committee members are Genevieve Denault, Claudia and Mark Foster, Toni and Steven Gross, Kathleen and James Scott, Mary and Donald Sloper, Margaret Thalken and Katherine and Jeff Whitman.

This dedicated group of volunteers serves two functions: they allow an opportunity for Associates to make decisions about the programs they will take part in. Also, the advisory committee provides an avenue for members to share existing talents and gain new skills. Each person, though having his/her own area of expertise, participates in the overall planning for the organization.

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The Maunt Assaciates advisary cammittee members with Sister Karen Kennelly, president; (back raw) Steven Grass, Mark Faster, Dan and Mary Slaper, and (front row) Toni Gross, Margoret Tholken, Kennelly, Cloudia Foster, Genevieve Denault, Jeff and Katherine Whitman. Not pictured are Kathleen and James Scatt.

Vital Statistics

Two by Two

The members of the Alumnae Association extend best wishes to the following alumnae and their spouses:

'46 Margaret Thalken to John Nevins
'80 Patricia Headley to Dennis M. Sullivan
'86 Janice Ledgerwood to Howard McKenzie
'86 Veronica O'Connell to Chris Dale
'87 Sheryl Bagsby to Erskine Frison, Jr.
'88 Deborah Gribbons to Geoff Harris
'88 Marjorie D. Rankins to Norman Headlam
'89 Kathryn A. Brown to Mark Schaffer
'89 Bronwyn Rubin to Lloyd Ralph
'91 Jennifer Marano to Paul Marshall

By-Lines

The members of the Alumnae Association extend congratulations to the following alumnae and their spouses on the birth of their children:

'79 Kristie Kiana to Carol Dorgan Brown, 3rd child, 3rd daughter
'79 Christine Anne to Ann Farber Kuhns, 1st child
'81 Twins, Matthew James and Anthony Michael to Debbie Pisano Tometz, 1st children
'82 Peter John to Joan Weber Galvin, 3rd child, 2nd son
'83 Kathryn Elizabeth to Eileen Schantz Pratt, 3rd child, 1st daughter
'86 Twins, Caitlin Joyce and Sean Philip, to Mary Beth Bangert-Harmon, 3rd and 4th children, 3rd daughter and 1st son
'86 Jordan Christian to Jill Harmon Perkins, 3rd child, 3rd son
'92 Courtney to Lisa Kipper Moeller, 2nd child

Requiescant

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of:

'42 brother of Louise Truxaw Sutherland
'45 husband of Jane Sage Adams
'50 husband of Frances Miyake Chikahisa
'50 Alice Kraemer
'51 husband of Mary Lou Jandro Kimmel
'51 sister of Sister Cecilia Louise Moore, CSJ
'57 Susan O'Loughlin Coughlin
'62 Betsy Fitz-Gerald
'63 husband of Harriet Frappia Hofmann
'69 Emilia Delgado
'71 sister of Geralyn Martinez
'72 mother of Colleen Gudreau
'72 mother of Sheila Ryan Riley
'82 father of Michelle Feany Van Horne
'94 Kelly Lawrence
'95 mother of Monica Lond

They will be remembered in the Masses, prayers and good works of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Charles A. LaFleur — *Decades of Devotion*

HERITAGE SOCIETY

"I'm always interested in whatever Mount St. Mary's is doing," said Charles A. LaFleur, a devoted Mount supporter and Heritage Society member, who died in December after a long illness.

In an interview at his El Segundo home in the fall, Mr. LaFleur discussed his involvement with MSMC which began in 1972 when he and wife, Mary Elizabeth Lamb LaFleur '30, a math major, established the Charles and Mary Elizabeth LaFleur Endowed Scholarship.

Mr. LaFleur moved to California from Louisiana in the early '40s and became a chemist supervisor with Chevron Oil in El Segundo. He and Mary Elizabeth met and married in 1952.

Because Chevron Corporation matched grants for employees who contributed up to $5,000 to educational institutions, the couple began to give gifts to the College. This enabled the endowment, now one of the College's largest at more than $150,000, to grow quickly. The couple also gave other substantial donations, and over the years have helped more than 30 students; Mr. LaFleur boasted that he met almost every one of them.

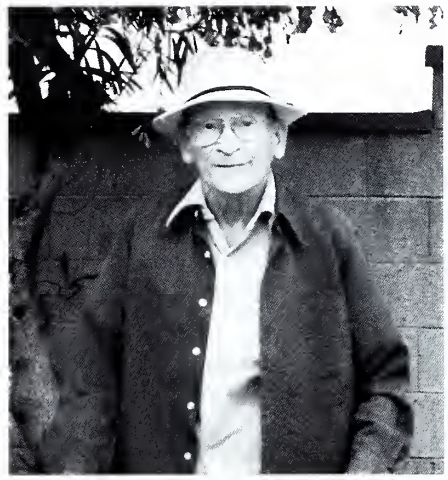
The couple's commitment to the College grew deeper when they became charter members of the Mount Associates in 1985 and of the Heritage Society in 1992.

"Mary Elizabeth was student body president of the Mount's second graduating class," said Mr. LaFleur. "She made her career with the State of California, working in adoptions, and licensing children's day care centers and homes for the able elderly. After we retired in the early '70s, we traveled to five continents north of the equator until Mary Elizabeth became ill in the '80s." He spent 10 years nursing and caring for her until her death in 1994.

Mr. LaFleur continued his devotion to MSMC on his own, and the Mount community was happy to greet the smiling man whose bolo ties were legendary. Despite a recent surgery, he even attended this year's Commencement exercises on a sweltering day in May to watch his most recent scholarship recipient receive her diploma.

"My wife and I always valued the education the Mount provides; it prepares women not only for a job, but it prepares them for life," he said.

Sister Catherine Therese Knoop, director of planned giving, said, "Charlie was a very joyful and caring person whom we will surely miss; he was very close to Mount St. Mary's."



Charles A. LaFleur

We welcome the newest members of the Heritage Society. We have now reached our goal of 150 members and are working toward 200: Arlene Rees '51 and Patricia Desmarais '69 have named MSMC in their living trusts, and Colleen Gudreau '72 and a person who wished to remain anonymous have remembered the College in their wills. We are deeply grateful to them and all the Heritage Society members.

Sister Catherine Therese Knoop
Director of Planned Giving
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The Mount Associates advisory committee is another way in which alumnae and friends can get involved at the Mount. There is no cap on the number of members who can serve on the committee and all are welcome.

For information about how to join the Mount Associates or the advisory committee, contact Theresa Davis, director of annual giving, at (310) 471-9807.

The minimum donation for Mount Associates membership is $300 annually for alumnae through age 29, $600 annually for ages 30 to 34, and $1,200 annually for those 35 years and older. Associates' donations provide funding to areas such as student financial aid, academic programs and operational budget relief. Associates events have included dinners at the new Museum of Television and Radio and Petersen Automotive Museum, and attendance at Da Camera Society concerts in historic sites.

The MSMC

Outstanding Alumnae Awards

Nomination Form

The 17th annual MSMC Alumnae Awards will recognize the accomplishments of outstanding alumnae. You are invited to submit nominations in any of three categories (copy this form if necessary). Choose the category for which your nominee best qualifies, nominating each person for one award only. If you have questions about the nomination process or specific categories, please contact the Alumnae Office at (310) 471-9522.

Categories

Community Service Award – honors alumnae who have volunteered time and talent to their communities through support of civic, philanthropic or social welfare organizations.

Professional Achievement Award – honors alumnae with distinguished career accomplishments.

College Service Award – honors alumnae whose volunteer efforts to the College have enriched the depth and stature of MSMC.

Nominee

Name _____ Class of _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip_____

Day Phone ( ) _____ Evening Phone ( ) _____

Supporting Evidence

For all awards, please attach a statement of recommendation which addresses any items A through G, additional letters or articles of support are encouraged, but not required. Any information concerning the following categories applicable to the award will be helpful to the nominating committees:

A. Career Highlights
B. Community Service
C. College Service
D. Publications
E. Honors and Awards
F. Professional Organizations (list positions held)
G. Education

Nominator

Name _____

Day Phone ( ) _____ Evening Phone ( ) _____

Please return this completed form and attachment to:

The Alumnae Office
Mount St. Mary's College
12001 Chalon Rd.
Los Angeles, CA 90049-1599

Nominations must be submitted by March 28, 1997

The selections will be made by a committee comprised of: the alumnae board president, vice president, past president and a board member at large, an alumnae staff member, one alumna from each quarter of the graduates.

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Standing Behind Their Candidates and Issues

Of all the candidates and initiatives displayed by MSMC students Jackie Velez, Andrea Graybehl, Jennifer Kewley and Maria Bordallo at Horizons Day Sept. 25, only President Clinton came out a winner. For a full Horizons Day article, see page 7.

Save the Date

FEBRUARY

Saturday, February 8
A Quiet Spirit
Docent Tour
1 p.m.
UCLA Fowler Museum of Culturol History

Amish quilts from the collection of Cindy Tietze '79. Also on display, "Isn't S/he a Doll?", a ritual and play in African Sculpture. To R.S.V.P., contact Alumnae Relations, (310) 471-9522.

Saturday, February 8
Chorol Concert
7:30 p.m.
Pompeian Room, Doheny

For more details, call the Music Department, (310) 471-9535.

MARCH

Sunday, March 9
Cappello Novo
4 p.m.
Holliston Avenue Methodist Church, Posodeno

Founded in 1982, these 10 a cappella singers have attracted a passionate following in Europe with the previously little-known music of Renaissance Scotland. For more details, call the Da Camera Society, (310) 440-1351.

Wednesday, March 19
Sieno Doy
11:30 o.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Doheny Compus

Saturday, March 22
Annual Eoster Egg Hunt
1:30 p.m.
Child Development Center #17, Doheny Compus

Join the Alumnae Association for the annual afternoon of fun and frolic with your family and friends. To R.S.V.P., contact Alumnae Relations, (310) 471-9522.

APRIL

Wednesday, April 16
Combottimento Consort Amsterdom
8 p.m.
Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, Los Angeles

Comprised mostly of Dutch musicians, the ensemble will set the blood racing at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel with music from Rameau, Back, Vivaldi and Purcell. For more details, call the Da Camera Society, (310) 440-1351.

Friday, April 25
Spring Chorol Concert
8 p.m.
Mory Chopel, Cholon

For more details, call the Music Department at (310) 471-9535.